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What is the NSLS ESH Safety Improvement Committee?

In the course of our daily lives at the NSLS, there are a variety of avenues provided to the staff and the users to speak our minds, make suggestions and provide feedback. These include:

- <u>User Meetings (weekly)</u>
- <u>UEC Town Meetings (three times a year)</u>
- The Annual Users' Meeting
- Safety Stand-Downs
- Group tool box meetings
- Feedback from End-of-Run Forms and Work Permits
- Work Planning and Experiment Review meetings
- Suggestion boxes and safety suggestion emails

Of course, all doors are open and one-on-one discussions in person, by telephone or by email are encouraged at all times.

In 2004, the NSLS ESH Improvement Committee (ESHI) was formed in coordination with the NSLS worker occupational health and safety (OHSAS) program. This Committee has the freedom to examine environment and occupational safety & health (ESH/OSH) issues in all aspects of the NSLS workplace with the goal of suggesting improvements to management in the safety environment and culture of the NSLS. The purpose of the committee is to:

- Provide a means for input to NSLS management on BNL and NSLS ESH/OSH issues, policies and procedures
- Review periodically ESH/OSH and self-assessment data
- Identify opportunities for ESH/OSH improvement in the workplace
- Serve as a vehicle for expression of staff and user ESH/OSH concerns/issues

The membership of the Committee, appointed by the NSLS Chair for a one year term, includes a cross-section of the NSLS staff with emphasis at the working level. The members for 2005/2006 are:

- R. D'Alsace (Electrical Systems)
- W. DeBoer (Mechanical Engineering)
- N. Gmür (ESH) (ex-officio)
- R. Greene (Beam Line Development and Support)
- H. Robinson (PRT Member)
- C. Sanchez-Hanke (Science Program Support)
- P. Singh (Linac)

The Committee meets once each quarter and reports to the NSLS Chairman and Associate Chairman for ESH/Q. The date for each meeting will be announced ahead of time. NSLS staff members and users who have suggestions or issues they wish to have discussed are encouraged to contact any Committee member. Staff and users may make arrangements to attend a meeting to discuss their issues in person if they wish.

We look forward to your participation and your ideas!